

Welcome to St. Matthews EC Church
“A faithful family reaching out to serve Christ.”
We are honored to have you worship with us today and
we hope that you will receive a warm welcome and experience
the presence of our Lord in a significant way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****FRIENDSHIP PAD – Please sign and include any contact info updates.**

FAMILY JOYS AND CONCERNS – Please share!

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMISSIONING OF VBS LEADERS

ADULT BAPTISMS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(L) God’s creation delights and astonishes.

(ALL) Let the people pause and wonder!

(L) God, the Creator, has made it all. Let all creation shout and sing!

(ALL) Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN *“Resurrection Hymn (See, What a Morning)”*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce “Christ is risen!”

See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See, Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?” As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty.

Honour and blessing glory and praise To the King crowned with pow’r and authority.
And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with Him, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

In Christ there is no condemnation, for perfect love casts out sin.

Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, your word falls on hardened ground when our worldly anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, when deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, God forgives our transgressions. Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places. Happy are those who come into God’s courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God’s temple.

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE FOR OFFERING

Joel 2:23-25

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

MIDDLE HYMN *“Living Waters”*

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, Peace unspoken, Rest beside these living waters.
Christ is calling, Find refreshing At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, All the old gone, Rise up in these living waters.

Chorus: There’s a river that flows With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God; There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters.

Spirit moving, Mercy washing; Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children To the shoreline, Life is in these living waters. **(CHORUS)**

Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Love, forgiveness, Vast and boundless, Christ, He is our living waters.

There’s a river that flows With mercy and love,
Bringing joy to the city of our God; There our hope is secure,
Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters.
There our hope is secure, Do not fear anymore, Praise the Lord of living waters.

SCRIPTURE READING Ian Snyder

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 126:1-6

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SERMON Eric Kuhns

Sermon Title: “Deliverance Promised”

Sermon Scripture: Joel 2:25-27

25 I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.
26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.
27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER – ALL**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN “Oh, Happy Day”**

Chorus: *Oh, happy day, oh, happy day,
when Jesus washed, when Jesus washed,
when Jesus washed,
Oh, happy day, oh, happy day.*

He taught me how to watch,
watch and pray, watch and pray.
And live rejoicing ev', ev'ry day, ev'ry day. **(CHORUS)**

*Oh, happy day, oh, happy day.
Oh, happy day, oh, happy day.
Oh, happy day, oh, happy day.
Oh, happy day, oh, happy day.*

*When Jesus washed, when Jesus washed,
when Jesus washed,
Oh, happy day,
oh, happy day!*

***CLOSING PRAYER**

***CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE – ALL Go Now In Peace**
Go now in peace; never be afraid, God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe, reach out to others, so all the world can see. God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. Amen.

(CCLI #2810357 Don Besig)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, July 12	Adult Baptism	-Grove 9am
Monday, July 13		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	VBS	
Tuesday, July 14	VBS	
Wednesday, July 15		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	VBS	
	Bible Study	-Large classroom, 6:30pm
Thursday, July 16		-Office Open 10am – 2pm
	VBS	
Friday, July 17	VBS	
Sunday, July 19	VBS Recap during service	-Sanctuary 9am

Pastor: Wil Hoffman	Council President: RJ Cramer
July Lead Usher – Melanie Frantz	

- ❖ **July Joyful Noise is Touch the World (The Barn) touchtheworld.org**
Equipping youth to live out the mission of God every day, everywhere.
We don't just want students to go on a mission trip — we want them to embrace mission as a lifestyle that transforms their daily lives and communities. The Mission Center is located on 706 Kunkletown Rd. Saylorsburg PA 18353.
- ❖ **Summer worship services in the grove:**
9:00am – August 9 and September 13
- ❖ **July 19th – Laymen's Fellowship Bingo – doors open at 12pm, bingo starts at 1pm.**
- ❖ **Monday Night Bible Study will not meet in July. They will resume on August 10th.**
- ❖ **Wednesday Night Bible Study will resume on July 15th.**
- ❖ **WEST END FAIR VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:** The West End Fair is almost here, and we invite you to help staff the St. Matthew's Fair Stand! Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our community, share the love of Christ, and enjoy fellowship with your church family. Whether you can serve for one shift or several, your help is greatly appreciated. Please consider signing up for a time that fits your schedule at <https://bit.ly/westendfair26>. If you have any signup questions, please contact RJ Cramer, Dan Smale, or Cheryl Dorshimer. Thank you for helping St. Matthew's be a welcoming presence at this year's West End Fair!



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July 12, 2026
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St. Matthew's Prayer List – July 12, 2026

KINGDOM WORK:

- **Sister Helena** – Zambia – raising chickens, growing vegetables and feeding the children.
- **Randy & Deb Sheagley** – Touch the World (touchtheworld.org)

MILITARY:

- **Major James Beidleman** (son of Kathy and Brian Beidleman): Pilot at Dover Air Force Base
- **LT Noah Krechel** (Grandson of Henry and Doris Krechel): Serving in the US Navy stationed in Norfolk, VA
- **Bryce Silliman** (Irene and Dean Zacharias' grandson) US Navy

LONG-TERM NEEDS:

- **John Armbruster** (friend of Rose Fritz): immunotherapy for a year
- **Conner Bittenbender** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; lab test results & healing
- **Roberta Heffley** (Eleanor Long's Sister): Cancer
- **Jalene Keiser**: Cancer
- **Wade Koehler** (Vivian Smith's friend)
- **Shannon Osinski** (wife of James Osinski) Ehlers Danlos Syndrome
- **Eileen (Ravalico) Keller** (Roy Zeruth's friend): Cancer
- **Sheila Sherer** (Eleanor Long's Niece): Fluid on her brain
- **Scott Smith** (Doris and Henry's son-in-law): Cancer
- **Sherry Smith** (Barbara and Richard Getz's daughter:
- **Hudson Stewart** (Bittenbender Family Member): Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy; no symptoms yet

SHUT INS:

- **Gloria (Jeannie) Anewalt**: Walden Building III, Room 118, 325 N. Broadway, Wind Gap, PA 18091
- **Gene and Sandy Borger** – P.O. Box 907, Kresgeville PA 18333
- **James Borger**—526 Wood Street, Apt 439, Bethlehem PA 18018-4463
- **Kyle Frable**—104 5K Lane, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Shirley Kuntz**—Getz Personal Care Home, 1026 Scenic Dr, Kunkletown PA 18058

- **Gladys Meixsell**—Stroudsburg Post Acute Nursing and Rehabilitation, 4227 Manor Dr, Stroudsburg PA 18360
- **Jacqueline Mock**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care—P.O. Box 327, Kunkletown, PA 18058
- **Marlette Palermo** – 276 Bollinger Rd., Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Velma Silfies**—Mrs. Bush's Personal Care, 302 Kunkletown Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Leah Jane Sterner**—300 Covered Bridge Rd, Kunkletown PA 18058
- **Jesse Ziegenfus**—Brookmont Healthcare Ctr, 510 Brookmont Dr, Effort PA 18330

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- **Kyle Frantz**/*5
- **Kelly Gower** (cousin to the Barr Family)/2
- **Larry Heffley** (Eleanor Long's brother-in-law)/*5
- **Gary Realmuto** (Paul and Lisa LoMonaco's friend)/1
- **Al Wanamaker** (Brian Dean Moore Band drummer)/1

BEREAVEMENT:

- **Joseph Pepitone** (Lee Byrne's son)/2